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THE FOLLOWING IS THE US RESPONSE TO HQ NATO MD(77)125
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1. UNITED STATES NATIONAL CIVIL EXERCISE AND TRAINING
ACTIVITIES WHICH TEST OR AFFECT THE READINESS OF US
NATIONAL AGENCIES FALL INTO 3 CATEGORIES:

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(A) NATIONAL LEVEL INTERAGENCY EXERCISES AND TRAINING
SEMINARS SPONSORED AND PLANNED BY THE FEDERAL PREPARED-
NESS AGENCY, GSA AND CONDUCTED PARALLEL TO A DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE EXERCISE.

(B) SAME AS (A) ABOVE BUT NOT PARALLEL TO A DOD EXERCISE.

(C) TRAINING AND EXERCISE MEETINGS AND SEMINARS SPONSORED AND CONDUCTED BY INDIVIDUAL FEDERAL AGENCIES.

ALTHOUGH US DOMESTIC EXERCISES ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY CLASSIFIED BY THE TASK CATEGORIES PRESENTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFERENCE MESSAGE, THEY CONTAINED SCENARIO ITEMS DESIGNED TO GENERATE EMERGENCY ACTIONS THAT RELATE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THESE VITAL NATO TASKS.

WHILE THESE EXERCISES DO NOT FIT EXACTLY INTO THE THREE CATEGORIES CITED IN PARA 1 REFERENCE THEY DO COVER NUMEROUS TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER LOGISTICS PROBLEMS AND NATIONAL SUPPLY PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED IN ASSOCIATION WITH NCWAS IN THE EVENT OF A NATO CONFLICT.

ALL OF THE CIVIL EXERCISE AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS MESSAGE CONTRIBUTE TO THE READINESS OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO EXECUTE THEIR EMERGENCY DUTIES IN SUPPORT OF NATO. NEARLY ALL US CIVIL EXERCISES INVOLVE THE SIMULATED OR ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE FEDERAL CIVIL EMERGENCY ACTIONS GUIDELIST (FCEAG), MEASURES WHICH ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO, AND HAVE BEEN CROSS-REFERENCED AND COORDINATED WITH, THE COMPLEMENTARY

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ACTIVITIES CONTAINED IN THE NATO MNCS ALERT SYSTEM. IN LIGHT OF NATO INITIATIVE NO. 1, THE US IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER PORTRAYING MORE NATO INVOLVEMENT IN ALL APPROPRIATE DOMESTIC CIVIL EXERCISES AND, IN ADDITION, IS PREPARED TO ADAPT AND INSERT INTO SUCH EXERCISES NATO SCENARIO PACKAGES, DEVELOPED AND AGREED BY NATO STAFF AND NATIONS, CONTAINING UNIFORM BACKGROUND AND PROTOTYPE INCIDENTS.

2. INTERAGENCY EXERCISE/TRAINING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

A. CIVIL READINESS EXERCISES CONDUCTED ANNUALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JCS MILITARY WORLDWIDE COMMAND POST EXERCISES. RECENT EXAMPLES:

(1) EXERCISE REX/PRIME RATE/WINTEX 75, CONDUCTED BIENNIALY (ODD YEARS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATO TO TEST AND REFINE THE NONMILITARY EMERGENCY PLANS OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL AGENCIES. THIS INVOLVED 23-30 AGENCIES AND 500 NONMILITARY FEDERAL PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON AND IN TWO SELECTED FEDERAL REGIONS (12 STATES); IT UTILIZED NORMAL AND EMERGENCY

OPERATING FACILITIES (FPA NATIONAL SPECIAL FACILITY AND FEDERAL REGIONAL CENTERS) AND SUPPORTING COMMUNICATIONS. A CIVIL/MILITARY SCENARIO EMPHASIZING

PRE-WAR MOBILIZATION/CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT ACTIONS WAS COORDINATED WITH, AND COMPLEMENTED, WINTEX 75 SCENARIO. ESTIMATED TIME TO ATTAIN EMERGENCY READINESS AT PRIMARY FACILITIES: 1 HOUR; FIRST ALTERNATE EMERGENCY OPERATION FACILITIES (EOF): 6 HOURS; SECOND ALTERNATE EOF: 8 HOURS. MAIN PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED HAVE BEEN PROCEDURAL IN NATURE, REQUIRING COORDINATED REFINEMENT OF EMERGENCY PLANS, OR INVOLVING MODIFICATIONS TO FACILITIES AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS. (NOTE: REX/PRIME RATE NOT HELD IN 1977)

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(2) EXERCISE REX/POLE VAULT 76, CONDUCTED BIENNIALY (EVEN YEARS) FOR THE SAME PURPOSES AS REX 75, EXCEPT THAT THERE IS NO NATO INVOLVEMENT. SCENARIO WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THE CIVIL/MILITARY INTERFACE IN A POST-ATTACK PERIOD. TWENTY-SIX FEDERAL CIVIL AGENCIES AND SOME 525 PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN WASHINGTON AND IN TWO FEDERAL REGIONS (8 STATES) UNDER ABOUT THE SAME CONDITIONS AS IN REX 75. ESTIMATED READINESS TIMES AND PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO REX 75 AND EXERCISE CRITIQUE RESULTED IN MANY CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE CIVIL/MILITARY INTERFACE.

B. INTERAGENCY CEP EXERCISES NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A JCS EXERCISE. A RECENT EXAMPLE, EXERCISE REX 77, A TWO-PHASE REGIONAL TRAINING/EXERCISE SEMINAR PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN FPA REGIONS 4 (ATLANTA) IN MAY AND 7(DALLAS) IN SEPTEMBER BY FPA AND NATIONAL LEVEL FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ENHANCE CEP CAPABILITIES OF FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL, FOR ASSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE EXECUTIVE RESERVE (NDER), OF STATE EMERGENCY STAFFS AND OF CERTAIN KEY PRIVATE INDUSTRY OFFICIALS. CEP REPRESENTATIVES FROM CANADA ALSO PARTICIPATED. OVER 700 OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM. ADVANCED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS ADDRESSED DURING THE EXERCISE PHASE GAVE PARTICIPANTS USEFUL EXPERIENCE IN EXECUTING THEIR EMERGENCY DUTIES. THE DALLAS SEMINAR CAPITALIZED ON LESSONS LEARNED IN ATLANTA AND BOTH WERE JUDGED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

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3. EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUAL AGENCY EXERCISE/TRAINING
ACTIVITIES ARE:

(A) THE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION'S NATIONAL DEFENSE

EXECUTIVE RESERVE (NDER) TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH NORMALLY COMPRISES AN ANNUAL NDER REGIONAL TRAINING MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE 10 FEDERAL REGIONS. THESE MEETINGS INCLUDE TRAINING AND EXERCISE PHASES AND ARE NORMALLY ATTENDED BY 40-60 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, MEMBERS OF THE NDER. PARTICIPANTS ARE TRAINED AND EXERCISED IN RESPONDING TO ANY TRANSPORT EMERGENCY, INCLUDING THE TASKS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFERENCE MESSAGE.

B. THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OF THE US DEPT OF COMMERCE, IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATING WITH SACLANT AND CINCSWANTLANT IN ALL NATO EXERCISES AS THE US CELL OF THE NATO REGIONAL SHIPPING BOARD (WEST), ALSO PARTICIPATES YEARLY IN THE US NAVY'S EXPORT GOLD EXERCISE SERIES CONDUCTED IN THE ATLANTIC AND ADJACENT WATERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. THE EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING THESE EXERCISES INCREASES MARAD'S READINESS TO RESPOND TO A NATO EMERGENCY AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATO DEFENSE SHIPPING AUTHORITY AND ITS COMPONENT AGENCIES.

C. THE OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION OF THE US DEPT OF COMMERCE CONDUCTS REGIONAL TRAINING MEETINGS ON A YEARLY BASIS FOR ITS REGULAR FIELD OFFICIALS POSSESSING EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENTS AND ITS NDERS'. THIRTEEN SUCH MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE PAST YEAR AND, IN THE BORDER REGIONS, INCLUDED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. THESE SESSIONS INCLUDE EXERCISE PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE DEFENSE MATERIAL SYSTEM AND
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THE DEFENSE PRIORITIES SYSTEM. PARTICIPANTS ARE TRAINED IN THEIR EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS OF INSURING ESSENTIAL CIVIL AND MILITARY PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION. AS 30-40 PARTICIPANTS TAKE PART IN EACH OF THESE SESSIONS, THEY DIRECTLY EFFECT THE ABILITY OF THE US TO SUPPORT THE NATO CENTRAL SUPPLY AGENCY IN AN EMERGENCY. END TEXT.

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